

To the Honorable members of the Human Service Committee and of the General Assembly:

I am writing to urge your support for HB 6616, AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANSION OF HUSKY HEALTH BENEFITS TO THOSE INELIGIBLE DUE TO IMMIGRATION STATUS., for the following reasons:

1. MORALLY, IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. HEALTHCARE IS A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT, WHICH SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO ALL RESIDENTS OF CONNECTICUT.
2. We should be hospitable to all our neighbors. We should be doubly hospitable to children.
3. It will save money, because the alternative – emergency room care after a medical condition has gotten worse – will cost more in the long run.
4. The federal immigration system needs reform, but we cannot wait for our dysfunctional Congress to act. Connecticut can and should set a good example.

Thank you for your consideration.

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